

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-10 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oikawa et al. (US 2004/0070949) in view of Rahmouni et al. (US 2004/0125557).

In response to the rejections, claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant specifically limits the first access unit 2 includes two hard drives 22 placed side by side at an allocation space 16 which occupies an upper portion of the receiving space 14 and above the floppy drive and the compact disk drive of the second access unit 4 (see Applicant's Figures).

However, as stated in previous reply, Oikawa discloses a computer system with the HDD 6, FDD 7 and CD-ROM 8 stacked together to be mounted to the front side of the housing 1. Since Applicant further defines the first access unit includes two hard drives and the second access unit includes the floppy drive and the compact disk drive; therefore, Oikawa's FDD 7 and CD-ROM 8 can not be regarded as Applicant's first access unit. Moreover, Oikawa's disclosure explicitly shows the HDD 6 is located beneath the FDD 7 and CD-ROM 8. That is, Oikawa does not teach or suggest to arrange the HDD 6 above but below the FDD 7 and CD-ROM 8. Furthermore, Rahmouni only teaches or suggests to place the floppy disc drive 14 and the CD-ROM drive 16, not two hard drives as of Applicant's claim 1, in a non-stacked configuration.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections since obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or

motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988); *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

That is, the amended claim 1 should be patentable over Oikawa in view of Rahmouni, and other claims 4-10 dependent on the amended claim 1 should be also allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 502751.

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